(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और इस संबंध में सरकार क्या आवश्यक कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी) : (क) सरकारी नीति के अनुसार देश के गांवों और शहरी स्लम बस्तियों में निःशुल्क चिकित्सा सुविधाएं उप केन्द्रों, प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र सामुदायिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों, ग्रामीण परिवार कल्याण केन्द्रों, शहरी परिवार कल्याण केन्द्रों, प्रसवोत्तर केन्द्रों और शहरी स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों के तंत्र के जरिए प्रदान की जाती है। इन केन्द्रों की स्थापना की जाती है और अनुमोदित मानदंडों के आधार पर उनका विस्तार किया जाता है।

(ख) और (ग) सरकार ने केन्द्रीय सरकार के अस्पतालों में परीक्षण जल्द कराने के लिए ओकिल्पूर्ण शुल्क लेना बंद कर दिया है। गरीब और निर्धन मरीजों के मामले में झुकाव न लेने हेतु उपयुक्त प्रावधान किए गए हैं। गरीब मरीज मुफ्त इलाज कराने के लिए हाल ही में गठित राष्ट्रीय बीमारी सहायता निधि से भी सहायता प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।

Super-speciality AIDS Hospital

2522 SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any proposals to start super-speciality AIDS hospitals in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and

(c) whether any place has been identified for the said purpose in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) All HIV infected patients AIDS cases are being treated in general hospitals all over the country like other patients without any discrimination and by adopting universal bio-safety precautions.

Death of tribal children in Melghat forest region

2523. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT RAM.
CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that special attention is required to be given to Melghat forest region of Amravati district of Maharashtra, where more than 4500 tribal children have died due to malnutrition and disease;

(b) if so, what is the detailed plan of Government to prevent the space of deaths which is still continuing;

(c) what is the mechanism to monitor this; and

(d) what is the provision of money for this work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Government is aware of the problem of death of tribal children in Melghat forest region of Dharni and Chikaldhara tehsil of Amravati District. According to the State Government of Maharashtra 1289 children below the age of 6 years died during the last three years. Premature birth associated with various grade of malnutrition affects the immune system and such children are predisposed to contract infectious diseases resulting in high mortality.

(b) The State Government has reported that specific measures have been taken in Melghat region which include establishment of office of Additional